

us in our daily lives so that they uphold those standards, so that no person is above the law, no corporation is above the law, and we are all here to serve in the public interest.

That is the message from this House Chamber that needs to be sent out across the Nation and to the world. That is where we all stand. I urge my colleagues in the House to join with the Senate in tough action and be able to put on the President's desk and urge the President to sign legislation to send a strong message from all parties, regardless of politics, and regardless of regions of this country, we stand as one. No one will have ownership in either party in terms of who is sending the strong message. All people in this country who are depending upon those stock markets and those investments to give them the retirement and the security in their later years, and they have worked hard for. We should not condone the actions of any person, any corporation, anywhere that has jeopardized that and has harmed our overall system.

I ask Members of the House to send that strong message, regardless of Democrat or Republican or Independent, that we send it as one. That is the strongest message, when this Capitol can stand together and send that message to Wall Street, Main Street and every street in our country.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 11:30 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 38 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 11:30 a.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) at 11:30 a.m.

#### PRAYER

The Reverend W. Douglas Tanner, Jr., president, the Faith & Politics Institute, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, as Members of this House gather on this midsummer's day to be about the business of this Nation and its people, we pray that the conduct of that business may be transformed to Your will in both means and ends.

Deliver us from temptations toward shallow, pious posturing, and grant us genuine insight into the spiritual dimensions of truly good government and wisdom in its pursuit. Call forth both courage and compassion in the consideration of substance, in the making of speeches, and in the casting of votes.

In the rough and tumble world of national politics and the sometimes mor-

ally murky world of calculating strategies and cutting deals, awaken in each of us our true potential as instruments of Your peace. Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. McNULTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McNULTY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### PRIVATE CALENDAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is Private Calendar day. The Clerk will call the individual bill on the Private Calendar.

#### NANCY B. WILSON

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 392), for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson.

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This concludes the call of the Private Calendar.

#### REAL INDEPENDENCE IS ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, 84 percent, 84 percent, 84 percent of all Americans say that we need to pass a national energy plan. Why? They know that we must decrease our reliance on foreign oil. That means we need to keep our marginal wells, expand the use of renewables, and grow into ANWR. They know that we must ensure that we have the ability to generate electricity from multiple sources. We need to continue to use natural gas, coal, and nuclear renewables like hydroelectric. They know that we must expand the grid to move the power from one point to another.

Mr. Speaker, real independence is energy independence. I join with 84 percent of all Americans who are calling on the conferees to get the job done and pass an energy bill and get the bill to the President.

#### UNITED EFFORT TO BRING OUR CHILDREN HOME

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, the pictures of missing children like Elizabeth Smart and Michelle Van Dam have been all over the news lately, and that is a good thing; not that they are missing, but that people care enough to try to find them. As founder and chairman of the Congressional Caucus on Missing and Exploited Children, I see this as a positive move; but I am still concerned.

I am concerned about the sporadic coverage and the lack of coverage or discussion about all missing children, children from every walk of life in every circumstance imaginable. Whether it has been by stranger abduction, parental abduction, international abduction, or runaways, all deserve all of the attention that we can give them.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to challenge my colleagues here in the House of Representatives and in other branches of government and even the media to move toward more proactive and more helpful positions on missing kids, all missing kids, because that is the way we will bring our children home.

#### KASS COMMISSION REPORTS ON CLONING

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, there are some scientists in this country who have very poor ethics. They want to clone human beings. They say they only want to do it for research purposes and that they will make sure the embryos they create never get to grow up. Do not worry, they say, we will kill them before they can survive on their own.

Mr. Speaker, there is no ethical way to clone a human being. If you let it live, it is wrong. If you kill it, that is wrong too.

The President's commission on bioethics chaired by Dr. Leon Kass has just issued a report on cloning. The commission says that there should be a ban on all cloning, at least for the next 4 years. Of course, I think that ban should be permanent.

Nevertheless, the Kass commission joins the House of Representatives and the President and the American people in calling for a ban on cloning. There is only one-half of one branch of this government missing from this equation. It is time for the other body to demonstrate that it is not out of touch and to pass a ban on all human cloning.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF BENNY HERNANDEZ

(Ms. SANCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1